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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Echo Park Lake homeless clean up

6 messages

The Eastsider <hello@theeastsiderla.com> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 8:59 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi, Tony. Do you have any info on the planned homeless encampment clean up at Echo Park Lake. Homeless advocates told an ABC7 reporter that the cleanup was going to go on all week, which is much longer than usual.

I'm trying to get info from the Bureau of Sanitation but have not heard back.

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The Eastsider <hello@theeastsiderla.com> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 9:11 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

FYI: Sanitation referred me to Rec and Parks.
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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM
To: The Eastsider <hello@theeastsiderla.com>
Bcc: Elena Stern <elena.stern@lacity.org>, Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org>

Hi Jesus- I'm not sure where this info is coming from but I'm not aware of any service taking place at the park.

Tony Arranaga
Communications Director
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On Jan 13, 2020, at 8:59 AM, The Eastsider <hello@theeastsiderla.com> wrote:

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Elena Stern <elena.stern@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:21 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

I thought Paul did call him back. I read a report that the cleaning was due to a filming...but it's definitely on park property, not public right of way, and Gabe said we are not involved....
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Elena Stern

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Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:36 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi Tony,

I will call Jesus after my meeting. Echo Park Maintanence team scheduled the clean up for an upcoming film shoot.

Rose

Sent from my iPhone
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The Eastsider <hello@theeastsiderla.com> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Thank you!

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> wrote:
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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: URGENT: Eviction @ Echo Park Tomorrow (1/13)

2 messages

Klemack, John (NBCUniversal) <
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 12:28 PM

John Cádiz Klemack
News Reporter / Reportero de Noticias
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ashley Bennett <ashley@groundgamela.org>
Date: January 13, 2020 at 11:30:28 AM PST
To: "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" <John.Klemack@nbcuni.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: URGENT: Eviction @ Echo Park Tomorrow (1/13)

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From: **Ashley Bennett** <ashley@groundgamela.org>
Date: Sun, Jan 12, 2020 at 6:28 PM
Subject: URGENT: Eviction @ Echo Park Tomorrow (1/13)
To: Caleb Crowder <calebwcrowder1@gmail.com>, Jessica Salans <jessica@groundgamela.org>, John Motter <john@groundgamela.org>, John Motter <john@power-la.org>, Kendall Mayhew <kendall@power-la.org>, Matt Wait <mattw@power-la.org>, Tabatha Yelós <tabatha@yelos.org>, Tabatha Yelos <tabatha@groundgamela.org>, Ashley Bennett <ashleynicholeb92@gmail.com>, Meghan (killa) Choi <Choi@power-la.org>, Jesse Alson-Milkman <jesseam@power-la.org>, <jdeforis@gmail.com>, <rcaterisa@gmail.com>, <jane.socal@gmail.com>, Steve Ducey <steve@power-la.org>

URGENT: 60+ of our unhoused neighbors residing at Echo Park Lake will be evicted tomorrow beginning at 7AM. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There are approximately 30 tents currently providing shelter for unhoused residents of CD13 around Echo Park Lake. My team has been visiting this location since Mid-November, and have gotten to know nearly all of the **60+ people who are residing there.**

Last week, residents living around the lake made aware that beginning on Monday, January 13th at 7AM, the Department of Parks and Recreation would be evicting everyone from the park -- residents are being ordered to gather all of their belongings and vacate the premises entirely for a week.

Per the written notice posted by park personnel, residents must remain out of the park from the height of the operation on Monday (1/13), and will not be allowed to return until after 7PM on Friday (1/17). This is not an LA sanitation operation, it is solely Parks and Rec, and potentially LAPD.

A source within the Departments of Parks and Recreation notified outreach workers that enforcement of L.A.M.C 63.44 - which prohibits residents from pitching tents in parks (structures with more than 2 sides), and from being on park grounds from 10:30PM and 5AM - would be in full effect both during and after the week of the 13th.

The supervisor of the park rangers at Echo Park informed us that due to community complaints, he would be working with his team, PD, and Mitch O'Farrell's office to ensure that these "destructive, drug using vandals" would not be able to set foot in the park. He said his team would be ensuring that no one was pitching tents on park grounds, enforcing a strict 10PM curfew, and immediately "tearing down and throwing away tents, regardless of the situation." He also noted that," this is a parks and rec operation, so there is nothing that LAHSA or the UHRC can do about it once CD13 approves."

As previously noted, on our last count were around 30 tents at Echo Park lake, and upwards of 60 residents there. If all of these folks are displaced from Echo Park lake, there will be 60+ people scattered throughout CD13 without a safe haven or community to feel safe in. This operation and enforcement is going to destroy people's lives. We will NOT stand for it.

I believe there needs to be a plan put in place to ensure these folks have an option to get indoors if they so choose, otherwise they will simply be homeless elsewhere. Here are some possible solutions:

1. Open a winter shelter in CD13 (with the intention of opening a more permanent ABH site) - with such a high concentration of unhoused residents living in one area, it would make sense to open an ACCESSIBLE winter shelter for these folks to take refuge in

2. Let residents stay in Echo Park - There are not enough shelter beds or housing opportunities in Los Angeles, period. Until there are enough housing opportunities for everyone who is seeking shelter, it does not make any sense to DISPLACE A COMMUNITY where they feel safe, know their neighbors, offer support to one another, and have access to basic survival needs (i.e. restrooms [which are now being locked by parks and rec] and showers

3. Provide Transportation from Echo Park to a Winter Shelter and back - At BARE MINIMUM, adding a pick-up location for these residents to get to a winter shelter, and back to the Echo Park area every morning would be effective as a short term solution. There are NO winter shelters in this vicinity, so transportation to a winter site to only be able to stay there from 5PM- 7AM with no way to get back to the area these residents are living and working in would not work.

If anyone else has thoughts/ suggestions please let us know.

As far as actions for tomorrow, 1/13 , we would love to see as many community residents come out and offer support to our unhoused neighbors being evicted. Things you can do leading up to, and during the mass eviction:

Before the eviction:
1. Spread the word to as many friends, family members, and colleagues as possible. #stopevictioninechopark

2. If you have press contacts, reach out and inform them of the situation

3. If you are planning to attend in solidarity, creating signs in support to protest this grotesque operation would be AWESOME!

4. Become familiar with L.A.M.C pertaining to this eviction, as well as the rights of our unhoused brothers and sisters : Martin V Boise | L.A.M.C 63.44 - Parks and Rec | https://laist.com/2019/08/22/los-angeles-homeless-sit-lie-sleep-law.php

During the Eviction

1. Come, record everything that is happening during the operation

2. Know what we are demanding from our city workers and elected officials:

--> We demand that no evictions take place until enough shelter/housing is provided within CD13 for our unhoused brothers and sisters. It is unethical to forcefully displace 60 residents with no alternative place to go.

3. Call Mitch O' Farrell's Office!!! - Let he and his staff know that their treatment of our unhoused population will not stand any longer. We will protest loudly, and endlessly until the needs of our fellow humans are met. We NEED MORE HOUSING. WE NEED MORE SHELTER FOR THE UNHOUSED. We DO NOT NEED the

numerous luxury condos and hotels that are being built all over CD13. We need to take care of those who are the most vulnerable. Save the unhoused residents of Echo Park.

NOTE Several of our unhoused brothers and sisters have already been very adamant about standing their ground, and are willing to risk arrest. Having as many community members there to support them would be incredible.

Please let me know if you have any questions, ideas, comments, concerns, etc.

Please spread this information far and wide- (groups, email, social media, etc) !

I would appreciate it if the fact that this information is coming from me be kept between trusted sources and individuals at this point in time.

Thank you all so much!

All the best,
Ashley

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Ashley Bennett
Community Organizer/Web Designer, Ground Game LA
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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>, Max Geschwind <max.geschwind@lacity.org>

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quick question

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Claudia Peschiutta · Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 4:12 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi, whatever happened with the councilman's plan to restrict encampments on sidewalks?

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-22/homeless-sidewalk-sleeping-ban-restrictions-boise-case-shelter

Thanks -

Claudia

Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 10:21 AM
To: Claudia Peschiutta

? His plan? I don't recall us sharing a news release about his plan to restrict encampments on sidewalks.
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Claudia Peschiutta Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 10:46 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

The proposal that came out of committee

Sent via carrier pigeon
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Claudia Peschiutta Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 10:47 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

In August

Sent via carrier pigeon

On Dec 17, 2019, at 10:22 AM, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> wrote:

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 11:02 AM
To: Claudia Peschiutta

As you may recall, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee voted on the City Attorney's recommendations, and moved the item to the full City Council to discuss.

Currently, the item is pending in committee, and Councilmember O'Farrell is waiting on his colleagues to formally weigh in and make amendments.
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St. Vincent Hospital -- good idea!

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Jacob Woocher <jacob.woocher@gmail.com> Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 8:47 PM
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi all,

Credit where credit is due. I think the work Councilmember O'Farrell is doing to repurpose the hospital for housing is great -- exactly the type of thinking we need to actually make a dent in this crisis.

Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 7:17 AM
To: Jacob Woocher <jacob.woocher@gmail.com>
Cc: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Thanks Jacob. We could use your help in generating letters of support.

If your folks could send emails voicing their support on this issue to councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org — we will submit them for the public record in the Council File.
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Jacob Woocher <jacob.woocher@gmail.com> Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 9:16 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

I'll see what I can do. You should know, though, that your office's stance towards unhoused residents otherwise is pretty disgusting. It's really hard for people who genuinely care about these people and who want to stop the sweeps to work with your office on anything after what Mitch pulled with LAMC 41.18 and his total lack of concern for the unhoused residents at Echo Park lake.
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Re: Message

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Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org> Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 1:15 PM
To: Sylvan De la Cruz <sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, Max Geschwind <max.geschwind@lacity.org>
Cc: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Sophie Freeman <sophie.freeman@lacity.org>

Hi Sylvan,

I am coping Tony since we had worked on a language to reply to 41.18 questions/concerns.

Thank you,

Star

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 11:16 AM Sylvan De la Cruz <sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org> wrote:

Mr Chang wanted to know about the proposal the prohibit certain areas where people could stay, such as near schools, parks, etc.

He seemed to express that was hoping his building on Beverly Blvd would be within such a restricted area.

Is there any info that I could relate to him? He said we could email him the info.

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Fwd: Echo Park Lake action Friday morning Jan 24

3 messages

Munoz, Anabel X. (KABC-TV) <Anabel.X.Munoz@abc.com> Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 7:06 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Tony,

I'm covering this story at 11pm.

For background, I'm including a news release and letter addressed Councilmember O'Farrell.

Is he available for an interview tonight and/or do you have a statement? Feel free to give me a call 562-483-3356

Deadline to file story is 9:30pm

Thanks,

Anabel

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Echo Park Lake Residents Issue Letter
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On Friday January 24, the residents will be joined by community organizers from Street Watch LA (an initiative from the Democratic Socialists of America, Los Angeles),

Ground
Game LA,
SELAH
Neighborhood Homeless Coalition, and
Ktown
For All, to defend their right to stay in
the park. The same groups turned
out to defend the camp from eviction earlier
this month.

WHO:
Unhoused residents of the Echo Park Lake, supporters
from community organizations
WHAT:
Unhoused residents to issue press statement and
resist eviction; Community organizations to defend residents from eviction
WHEN:
Friday, January 24 - 7:30 a.m.
WHERE:
Echo Park Lake - Glendale Blvd & Park Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Included
in the letter is a list of agreements the residents hope to make with the City, such as pledging to keep the park clean and compliance with outreach-led cleanups in line with the demands of the
Services
Not Sweeps coalition.

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care about this lake, we want to HELP keep it clean — the fact that we do not have homes does not mean that we are dirty, dangerous, drug users, or unemployed (many of us have lived and worked in CD13 for over a decade)," they write. "We hope you understand
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The
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did not end up unhoused by choice, nor do we desire to stay on the streets forever. At this point there is no viable option for shelter within, or near CD13 for all of us. Many of us have tried to enter the shelter system elsewhere, and do not feel safe or
comfortable returning to those places. Many of us have section 8 vouchers, many of us are on 2-3 year long waiting lists for programs that would lead to permanent supportive housing. But what we need and what we desire is to create a solution within this city
council district, our home.

Mr.
O'Farrell, we understand your job is difficult. We understand that a small amount of housed residents in our area and some park goers have lodged complaints against us — largely because they do not know us personally, and do not understand our situation. We
hope you can be our champion in pioneering a solution. We would like to present a motion that would allow us to remain in the park until we are able to find stable, permanent supportive housing. Before you answer, or take any action against us, please come
and meet our community and discuss this matter with us first.

If
we are allowed to stay at Echo Park Lake, we would like to establish a community contract with you, and our housed neighbors in regard to our residency in the park.

On
our end, we pledge to:

1. Keep the park clean.
   We would be happy to help the rangers in maintaining the beauty of this space, we will be drafting a proposed residential volunteer job summary (i.e. trash collection, gardening, sweeping, beautification projects, maintenance, bathroom cleaning etc.) that
   we would each agree to be a part of to ensure that our residency does not detract from the beauty of the park

2. Be respectful to
our neighbors and community

3. We will be compliant
with cleanups that are in line with the demands of the Services Not Sweeps coalition.

In
return for being able to stay at Echo Park lake until we each have a housing plan in place, we ask that neighbors, law enforcement, park employees and park goers do the following:

1. Not gawk at us and
film us as if we were in a freak show

2. Not pollute our living
space or the environment of the park

3. Not harass and criminalize
us, but accept us as members of the community

4. Not intimidate us
with late night police raids

5. No more frequent
and unpredictable “clean ups”

As
it stands, we are being told that if we do not vacate this park by this evening each of us will be cited. We do not wish to be unlawful, nor can we afford the fines that would be issued to us. We hope to come to a more holistic solution or agree to have longer
discussion about this before that takes place. We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours
truly,
Your
constituents of Echo Park Lake

Personal
Statements from Echo Park Lake Residents:

Dear
Mr. O'Farrell,
My
name is Jordan Tanner and I currently live in the unhoused community at Echo Park Lake. I have been unhoused for several months. I used to stay at a shelter called Athens, but one day they kicked everyone out and told us to go to Echo Park Lake.
The
community at Echo Park Lake is important to me because everyone else here is facing the same situation, and we all stick together and support each other as a community.

Dear
Mr. O'Farrell,
My
name is Jasmine Martinez, and I am currently an unhoused resident of Echo Park Lake. I have been here for a few months now. Shelters are not a solution and all of them become occupied quickly. There needs to be more permanent affordable housing. Fortunately
for me I have a Section 8 voucher and am waiting for an apartment, but the landlords are very selective.
Being
here with the Echo Park community has had a positive effect on my life. It relieves the stress that I had trying to go through temporary shelter programs.

Dear
Mr. O'Farrell,
My
name is Lloyd Edward, and I currently reside in the unhoused community at Echo Park Lake. I've been on the streets of LA for two years. I've been trying to get housing for a very long time, and have applied for housing through the non profit People's Concern.
I've taken responsible steps to get proper housing and I am still waiting. I also have a sleep disorder, and need an electric outlet for a CPAT machine that helps me with this disorder. I have tried shelters but most have no beds available and others only
let you stay for a week before kicking you out.
I
feel comfortable at Echo Park Lake and with the community we have here. We don't do dangerous drugs like meth or heroin. We get along with everyone in the community, we don't harass anyone, kids feel safe, adults feel safe, and I feel safe here. What else
am I supposed to do while I wait for housing?
When
rangers and cops come here to harass and try to kick us out of here it really feels heartless and like a cheap short cut, not a real solution.

Dear
Mr. O'Farrell,
My
name is Bobby Ganey, and I live at Echo Park Lake. I became unhoused after a motorcycle accident five years ago, and have been fighting to get housing back ever since. I keep running into roadblocks. My plan is to get permanent housing. I don't do drugs, and
I dont smoke or drink. I have tried shelters but they are insecure and people have stolen my things there. I

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FW: Advisory: Residents at Echo Park Lake Issue Letter to Mitch O'Farrell

1 message

Alpert, Emily <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com> Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 4:42 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 23, 2020

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WHO: Unhoused residents of the Echo Park Lake, supporters from community organizations

WHAT: Unhoused residents to issue press statement and resist eviction; Community organizations to defend residents from eviction

WHEN: Friday, January 24 - 7:00 a.m.

WHERE: Echo Park Lake - Glendale Blvd & Park Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90026

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We are appealing to you today because we are hoping that as our council member, you will stand by us and work WITH us to develop a solution. We need you to hear us, and we would like to share our stories with you. We care about this lake, we want to HELP keep it clean — the fact that we do not have homes does not mean that we are dirty, dangerous, drug users, or unemployed (many of us have lived and worked in CD13 for over a decade). We hope you understand what this lake means to us— this has become our home in what is one of the darkest times of most of our lives. Having camaraderie and connection to those who care about us (which is what we have here) is an integral part of our future success.

We did not end up unhoused by choice, nor do we desire to stay on the streets forever. At this point there is no viable option for shelter within, or near CD13 for all of us. Many of us have tried to enter the shelter system elsewhere, and do not feel safe or comfortable returning to those places. Many of us have section 8 vouchers, many of us are on 2-3 year long waiting lists for programs that would lead to permanent supportive housing. But what we need and what we desire is to create a solution within this city council district, our home.

Mr. O'Farrell, we understand your job is difficult. We understand that a small amount of housed residents in our area and some park goers have lodged complaints against us — largely because they do not know us personally, and do not understand our situation. We hope you can be our champion in pioneering a solution. We would like to present a motion that would allow us to remain in the park until we are able to find stable, permanent supportive housing. Before you answer, or take any action against us, please come and meet our community and discuss this matter with us first.

If we are allowed to stay at Echo Park Lake, we would like to establish a community contract with you, and our housed neighbors in regard to our residency in the park.

On our end, we pledge to:

1. Keep the park clean. We would be happy to help the rangers in maintaining the beauty of this space, we will be drafting a proposed residential volunteer job summary (i.e. trash collection, gardening, sweeping, beautification projects, maintenance, bathroom cleaning etc.) that we would each agree to be a part of to ensure that our residency does not detract from the beauty of the park

2. Be respectful to our neighbors and community

3. We will be compliant with cleanups that are in line with the demands of the Services Not Sweeps coalition.

In return for being able to stay at Echo Park lake until we each have a housing plan in place, we ask that neighbors, law enforcement, park employees and park goers do the following:

1. Not gawk at us and film us as if we were in a freak show
2. Not pollute our living space or the environment of the park
3. Not harass and criminalize us, but accept us as members of the community
4. Not intimidate us with late night police raids
5. No more frequent and unpredictable "clean ups"

As it stands, we are being told that if we do not vacate this park by this evening each of us will be cited. We do not wish to be unlawful, nor can we afford the fines that would be issued to us. We hope to come to a more holistic solution or agree to have longer discussion about this before that takes place. We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,
Your constituents of Echo Park Lake

Personal Statements from Echo Park Lake Residents:

Dear Mr. O'Farrell,
My name is Jordan Tanner and I currently live in the unhoused community at Echo Park Lake. I have been unhoused for several months. I used to stay at a shelter called Athens, but one day they kicked everyone out and told us to go to Echo Park Lake.
The community at Echo Park Lake is important to me because everyone else here is facing the same situation, and we all stick together and support each other as a community.

Dear Mr. O'Farrell,
My name is Jasmine Martinez, and I am currently an unhoused resident of Echo Park Lake. I have been here for a few months now. Shelters are not a solution and all of them become occupied quickly. There needs to be more permanent affordable housing. Fortunately for me I have a Section 8 voucher and am waiting for an apartment, but the landlords are very selective.
Being here with the Echo Park community has had a positive effect on my life. It relieves the stress that I had trying to go through temporary shelter programs.

Dear Mr. O'Farrell,
My name is Lloyd Edward, and I currently reside in the unhoused community at Echo Park Lake. I've been on the streets of LA for two years. I've been trying to get housing for a very long time, and have applied for housing through the non profit People's Concern. I've taken responsible steps to get proper housing and I am still waiting. I also have a sleep disorder, and need an electric outlet for a CPAT machine that helps me with this disorder. I have tried shelters but most have no beds available and others only let you stay for a week before kicking you out.
I feel comfortable at Echo Park Lake and with the community we have here. We don't do dangerous drugs like meth or heroin. We get along with everyone in the community, we don't harass anyone, kids feel safe, adults feel safe, and I feel safe here. What else am I supposed to do while I wait for housing?

When rangers and cops come here to harass and try to kick us out of here it really feels heartless and like a cheap short cut, not a real solution.

Dear Mr. O'Farrell,
My name is Bobby Ganey, and I live at Echo Park Lake. I became unhoused after a motorcycle accident five years ago, and have been fighting to get housing back ever since. I keep running into roadblocks. My plan is to get permanent housing. I don't do drugs, and I dont smoke or drink. I have tried shelters but they are insecure and people have stolen my things there. I have been approved for housing and am on a wait list. Being displaced from Echo Park Lake would be a real set back for me as I continue to wait for housing.

For interviews and additional information, please contact Arielle Sallai at hnh@dsa-la.org or 925-876-0556.

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City News Service, Homeless Protest

3 messages

City Hall Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 1:09 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi Tony,

Happy new year.

I was just following up on this homeless protest that took place this morning. Apparently they protested the councilman's field office over an Echo Park cleanup due to a film crew coming in. If you have any additional information on this or if there's been any outreach to the homeless that's been done that you could comment on, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Eric Heinz
Los Angeles City Hall Reporter
City News Service

Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 1:58 PM
To: City Hall
Bcc: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Hi Eric-

The Councilmember did not direct nor was our office aware of any action taking place - planned or otherwise - at Echo Park Lake. Questions regarding protocols related to the maintenance and programming within all city parks should be addressed with the Department of Recreation and Parks.

At the request of our office, LAHSA case workers have been conducting outreach at Echo Park Lake on a regular basis in recent months.

Tony

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Tony Arranaga
Communications Director,
Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
213-258-9533

City Hall <lacity1@sbcglobal.net> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 2:06 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi Tony,

Thanks for getting back to me. I've reached out to RAP and just waiting to hear back.

Thanks!

Eric Heinz
Los Angeles City Hall Reporter
City News Service

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KABC Request

4 messages

Hogue, Elaine C. <Elaine.C.Hogue@abc.com> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 9:50 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>
Cc: "Brown, Rachel K. (KABC-TV)" <Rachel.K.Brown@abc.com>

Hi Tony,

I need a statement from Councilman O'Farrell regarding the homeless sweeps in Echo Park. We are doing a story for our 11a. Sorry for short notice but....

Thank you,

Elaine

Elaine Hogue

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM
To: "Hogue, Elaine C." <Elaine.C.Hogue@abc.com>
Cc: "Brown, Rachel K. (KABC-TV)" <Rachel.K.Brown@abc.com>

Hi Elaine- I'm not aware of any service day at the park, and I'm not sure where people are getting this info from ...

Maybe ask Rose Watson at RAP?

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Hogue, Elaine C. <Elaine.C.Hogue@abc.com> wrote:

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM
To: "Hogue, Elaine C." <Elaine.C.Hogue@abc.com>
Cc: "Brown, Rachel K. (KABC-TV)" <Rachel.K.Brown@abc.com>

We just sent the desk a statement.
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Tony Arranaga
Communications Director,
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Hogue, Elaine C. <Elaine.C.Hogue@abc.com> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 12:57 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

I saw....thank you....

Welcome back....

Elaine

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HELLO!!

2 messages

Jaramillo, Jay <Jay.Jaramillo@abc.com> Sun, Jan 12, 2020 at 10:43 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hey Tony!

Word on the street is there's going to be some kind of homeless sweep at Echo Park Lake tomorrow morning.

Do you know anything about it? If so, would you mind sending over a statement to pr@abc7.com ?

Thank you!!

J.J. Jaramillo

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Jay.Jaramillo@abc.com

Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 7:27 AM
To: "Jaramillo, Jay" <Jay.Jaramillo@abc.com>

Hi Jay- not to my knowledge. Did you try contacting Rose/RAP?

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New analysis of 41.18d proposal from activists -- comment?

7 messages

Alpert, Emily <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 6:54 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi Tony! I hope you had a good weekend. I'm writing about this new analysis of the 41.18d proposal from Services Not Sweeps, the Legal Aid Foundation and the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. It looks at part of Echo Park and tries to account for the restrictions around doorways and driveways.

They don't calculate an overall figure, but the map gives an interesting sense of the cumulative effect of the rules. I'll be posting something within a few hours, which we can update until 4:30pm today, and would love to get any comment that you can provide from CD13.

Many thanks!

Emily

2 attachments

COMPRESSED FINAL SNS A False Premise 41.18 Map - Copy.pdf
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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 12:49 PM
To: "Alpert, Emily" <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com>

Hi Emily- we are reviewing the information. Councilmember O'Farrell wants to hear from his colleagues when this item is discussed by the full City Council in the coming days.

Also- I wanted to clarify something, and we can connect with Star if that would help, but your reporting mentions Councilmember O'Farrell's plan for 41.18. This is not his plan, but rather recommendations that were approved by the committee and sent to full council for further discussion. This is not an end product, just lawful options that the City Attorney to update the ordinance.

Tony

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 12:50 PM
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Just fyi.
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Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 12:57 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

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Check out our new bridge housing in Hollywood

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Alpert, Emily <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 1:11 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Thanks -- has it been scheduled?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2019, at 12:50 PM, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> wrote:

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 1:23 PM
To: "Alpert, Emily" <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com>

Previous email/last sentence should say— "..that the city attorney *provided.."

I'll let you know when it is scheduled.

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Alpert, Emily <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com> Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 1:40 PM

To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Thanks. I guess the hard part is that several of the committee members have now come out against it, and even when it was voted on, David Ryu said his staff hadn't really had a chance to review it. The councilman was the one who laid it out for the public, so that's how I've sought to describe it.

From: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Alpert, Emily <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com>
Subject: Re: New analysis of 41.18d proposal from activists -- comment?

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Fwd: Homeless Sweeps

1 message

Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org> Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 3:34 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, Max Geschwind <max.geschwind@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>
Cc: Sophie Freeman <sophie.freeman@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Marisol Salguero <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>

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From: **Julie Sharron**
Date: Sun, Aug 18, 2019 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Homeless Sweeps
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Hello. What is the Councilmember doing to try to stop sweeps like this in his district? https://www.selahnhc.org/echo-park-rising-and-sweeps

Thank you,
julie
90031

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With kind regards,

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Please watch this video

1 message

Jacob Woocher <jacob.woocher@gmail.com> Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 9:11 PM
To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

https://www.facebook.com/DSALosAngeles/videos/2406596316244685/

Please just watch and try to understand what happens with these sweeps. (Even though your office has recently insisted on saying stuff like "they're not sweeps, they're clean-ups.") Your office is responsible for this. YOU are holding water for human rights abuses. You should be ashamed.

Jacob Woocher

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Fwd: New lawsuit targets L.A.'s sweeps of homeless people's property - Los Angeles Times

1 message

Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org> Fri, Jul 19, 2019 at 8:41 AM
To: Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Sylvan De la Cruz <sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org>, Marisol Salguero <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, Max Geschwind <max.geschwind@lacity.org>

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From: **District Bureau** <
Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2019 at 8:09 PM
Subject: New lawsuit targets L.A.'s sweeps of homeless people's property - Los Angeles Times
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org>, Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

As your constituent, I just wanted to write you and let you and your team know that these so-called homeless "advocates" referenced in this LA Times article should not be setting policy for this city. They offer zero solutions except to enable and perpetuate the blight and disease that is taking over so many quadrants of LA.

No one I know - including the most liberal of my fellow Angelos - is in favor of their agenda, which seems designed only to hobble law enforcement and sanitation, perpetuating misery for everyone - both housed and unhoused.

Please make sure the city of LA stands up to this lawsuit - and the city attorney doesn't cave to their destructive and regressive agenda.

I appreciate all that you and your office do for the city of LA and the 13th District in helping to solve the homeless crisis, getting vulnerable people off the streets, and maintaining public order and a clean, livable city for everyone.

Regards,
Grant Janes
Silver Lake, Los Angeles

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-18/lawsuit-seeks-to-stop-l-a-from-seizing-and-discarding-homeless-peoples-belongings

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With kind regards,

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Fwd: A Few Pressing Questions

2 messages

Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org> Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 12:50 PM
To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

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From: **Josh Kaye** <
Date: Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 11:27 AM
Subject: A Few Pressing Questions
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Mr. O'Farrell,
My name is Josh and I have been living in LA since 2008. Over that small amount of time, I have seen the city devolve and now I see homelessness and its residue in every part of the city. I would like to know what your initiatives are for cleaning up the city of LA, and specifically cleaning your 13th District. Here are some of my concerns that I would like to have addressed. I hope that in an effort to serve your district well, you will respond quickly.

Every day I drive to work and I see the following:
-vagrants going through trash cans on my street and behind my apt building (private property)
-tent cities (underpasses, sidewalks, highways, medians, alleyways, etc.
-mentally-unstable vagrants on every corner
-trash, refuse, needles, etc.
-cops driving past like nothing is happening

I paid over 8k in state taxes last year, yet illegal immigrants now get free healthcare?
-I would love to know how this makes sense..
-Should I revoke my US Citizenship so that I too can receive free healthcare?

I work in DTLA (E. 15th St.) and I am constantly bombarded by homeless, their waste, and their lifestyle choices
-tents and trash blocking my receiving/deliveries gate (see attached picture)
-trash fires behind my office in the alley (multiple occasions)
-311 refuses to even come survey the area/issue (reached out 4 times)
-building vandalized by vagrants multiple times (doorbell stolen twice)
-trash everywhere on street in front of office
-I don't think there has ever been street sweeping of any kind

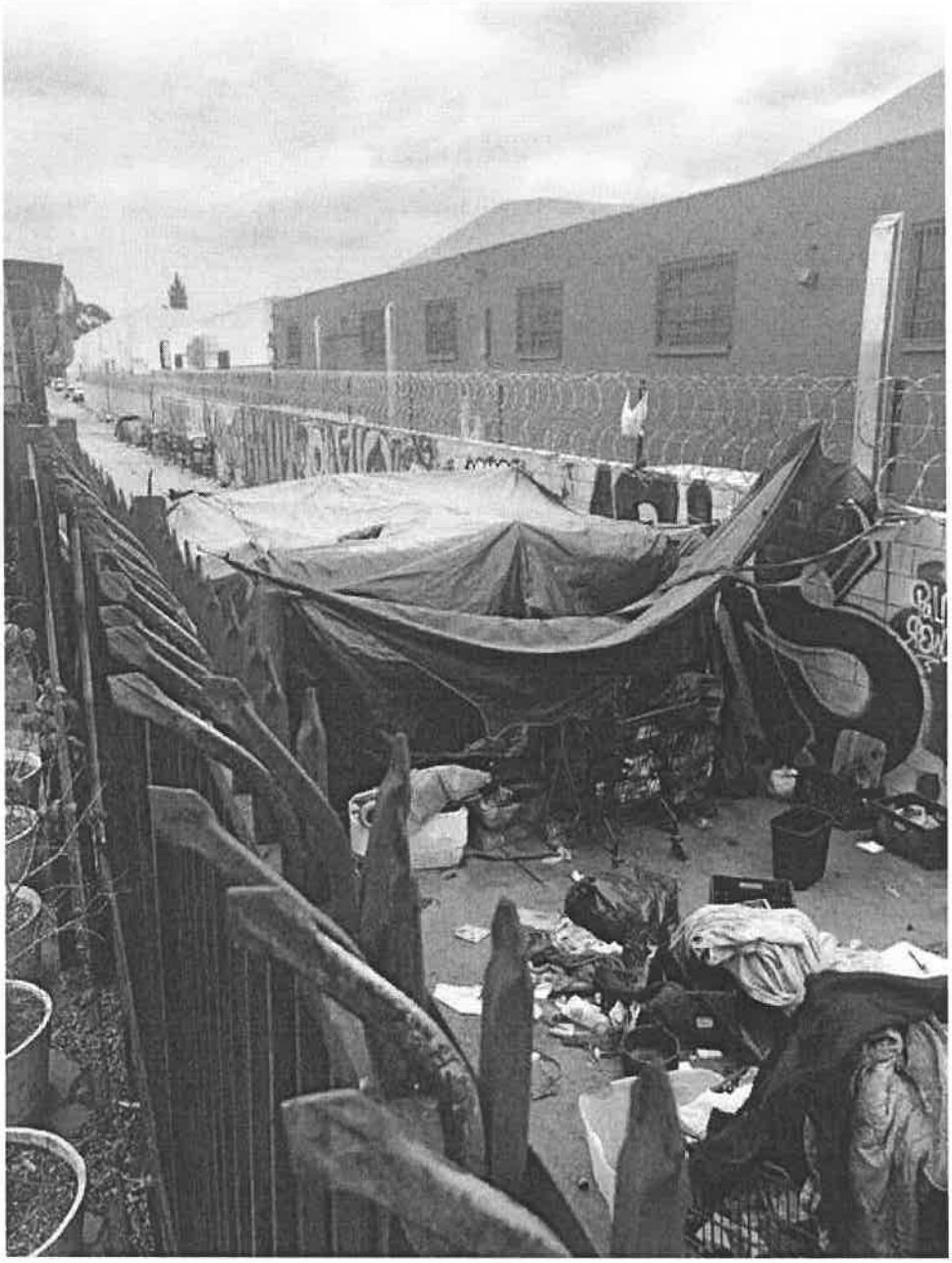
What is your long term plan for cleaning up the rampant homelessness that has taken over what used to be a beautiful city?

How do you justify protecting homeless personal property when that "property" is predominantly trash and refuse?

How can you sit back and watch Typhus affect the LAPD? What is your plan for cleaning up skid row and taking care of the officers that work in that area?

Where do you plan to send the homeless? Or do you intend to give them the rest of the public spaces in LA?

I look forward to your timely and informative answers,
Josh



I rent this warehouse and I am supposed to be using this alleyway for deliveries...

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With kind regards,

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To: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Thanks. I will respond and include Marisol to direct to field.

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Records request

1 message

Jennif Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 10:35 AM
To: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>
Cc: Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, william.ayala@lacity.org, tony.arranaga@lacity.org, sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, gigi.galias@lacity.org, christine.peters@lacity.org, star.parsamyan@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org, hector.vega@lacity.org, david.giron@lacity.org, david.cano@lacity.org, angelo.yenko@lacity.org, amy.ablakat@lacity.org

To whom it may concern:
I'd like all of your records regarding the junk that's been in the middle of Gower Street most of this year, referenced below.
Thank you
Jennifer Barbosa

On Apr 24, 2018, at 4:05 PM, Jennifer Barbosa <jennybarbosa@gmail.com> wrote:

The trash is still In the middle of Gower.
<image1.jpeg>

On Apr 9, 2018, at 8:32 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Jennifer,

I have heard back from LADWP bright and early this morning. The work site on Gower Street is a water service enlargement. Work should be completed in 1-2 weeks.

Last week, an LADWP crew reset the site, including sweeping the area and re-positioning the barricades and cones.

Thank you,

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